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Adams, John. *Letter to John Jay, December 19, 1800.* Upon the resignation of Oliver Ellsworth from the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, President Adams sent this letter to Jay advising him of his renomination to that office. Jay declined; his response is also held at the Newberry (Vault Ruggles 191). **Call # Vault Ruggles 4**

Herbert R. Strauss Collection of Thomas Jefferson Letters, 1780-1823. A collection of more than 40 letters, both personal and professional, written by Jefferson, including letters to his daughter Martha ("Patsy"), the Marquis de Lafayette, John Jay, and many other important officials. The collection also includes a manuscript survey of land in Virginia by Jefferson. **Call # Vault Case MS 6A 79 and Vault Case MS 6A 80**

Jefferson, Thomas. "Memorandums for Mr. Short," autograph manuscript, c. September 16, 1788. In this

manuscript Jefferson provides advice to William Short, his private secretary in Paris, for Short's travels in Italy. He also requests favors from Short, including the purchase of books, wine, and a pasta-maker. **Call # Vault Mi**

The Papers of John Adams. Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 1977-<2016>. The series "General Correspondence and Other Papers of the Adams Statesmen," in 19 volumes to date, cover the years 1755-1789. **Call # E302 .A275 1977**

The Papers of Thomas Jefferson. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1950-2016. The ongoing publication of Jefferson's voluminous papers, in chronological order. The 42 volumes published to date extend from 1760 to 1804. A "Retirement Series" (**Call # E 302 .J442 2004b**) is also ongoing, covering 1809-1817 to date. **Call # J 0 .451**

The Adams-Jefferson Letters; The Complete Correspondence between Thomas Jefferson and Abigail and John Adams. Chapel Hill: Institute of Early American History and Culture, by the University of North Carolina Press, [1959]. Edited by Lester J. Cappon in two volumes. **Call # E 5 .A2138**

Published Writings by John Adams

Thoughts on Government: Applicable to the Present State of the American Colonies. Philadelphia: John Dunlap, 1776. Adams lays out his ideas for the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of a new American government, in the form of a letter to George Wythe. **Call # Case J 5831 .015**

A Defense of the Constitutions of Government of the United States of America. London: C. Dilly, 1787. The Newberry holds two copies of the first edition of this important work: one inscribed by Adams to the

Marquis de Lafayette, another to Dr. Thomas Wren. **Call # Case 4A 3360 or Vault Ruggles 3**

Revolutionary Writings and Writings from the New Nation. New York: Library of America, 2011 and 2016. Three volumes of Adams' published and unpublished writings, selected and edited by Gordon Wood, from 1755-75, 1775-83, and 1784-1826. **Call numbers: E302 .A262 2011, E302 .A262 2011b, E302 .A263 2016**

Published Writings by Thomas Jefferson

A Summary View of the Rights of British America. Philadelphia: John Dunlap, 1774. The Philadelphia edition of Jefferson's instructions to the first Continental Congress's Virginia delegates. The Newberry also holds the London edition. **Call #s: Case J 5831 .448; Vault Case E 211 .J4 1774; Case J 5831 .447**

In Congress, July 4, 1776. A Declaration by the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress Assembled. Newport RI: S. Southwick, 1776. One of the broadside printings of the Declaration of Independence printed in July 1776, this one from Rhode Island. The Newberry has many additional early appearances of the Declaration, including its first appearance in a periodical (*The Pennsylvania Magazine*) and its first appearance in a book (*The Genuine Principles of the Ancient Saxon, or English Constitution.*) **Call # Case broadside E221 .U57 1776**

Notes on the State of Virginia. Paris: 1784. The first edition of Jefferson's magnum opus and one of the most important American works on political theory, society, and good government, printed for private distribution in an edition of only 200 copies. Three copies are held at the Newberry—most notably, a presentation copy inscribed to John Jay, and with the addition by Jefferson of his "Draught of a Fundamental Constitution for the Commonwealth of Virginia," "Notes on the Establishment of a Money Unit, and of a Coinage for the United States," and "Act for Establishing Religious Freedom, Passed in the Assembly of Virginia in the Beginning of the Year 1786." **Call # Vault Ruggles 193**

The Writings of Thomas Jefferson. Washington DC: Thomas Jefferson Memorial Association, 1903-05. A 20-volume set of Jefferson's writings, including works unpublished in his lifetime such as the *Autobiography* and *Anas*. **Call # J 0 .4543**

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